

Torrance Dominates Tournament

The Fearless Spectator

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If you had an idea there was something more to baseball than meets the eye, you were bang-on-right, kiddo.

This here Grosse Point, Mich., psychoanalyst, Dr. Thomas A. Petty, has the whole thing taped.

He put baseball on the couch for the members of the American Psychoanalytic Association in St. Louis a while back.

It's all based on sex, of course.

Now, to start with, you gotta understand the pitcher is your father, and the batter is you, the tribal son. And the father has to lose, just like Ole Oedipus (Big Ed to you) lost when he got in a gang fight with his wife and son. Or, as the good Doc puts it:

"The game of baseball is a mock combat in which the unconscious fantasy of the son's triumph over the father is insured for the participant and the spectator. The plot or design of the game and the rules of scoring preclude any other outcome."

The killing of the old boy, says Doctor Petty, "is represented by the explosive contact between the bat and ball, in or near the strike zone, and the rally."

When the batter-son fails to kill the pitcher-dad, all is not lost however, even if the batter is a .113 hitter.

"No matter how often the individual has failed previously, there is always another time at bat, another game, and even 'next year,' when he may prove his phallic proficiency and deny his fear of castration."

Murdering his daddy seems simple and sexy enough, but you don't know analysis. In addition to wanting to kill poppa, the hitter and spectator love the old coot.

"The loved aspect of the primal father finds expression in the role of the team sponsor and in the benign paternal roles of the team manager and coaches.

"Both the primal father and the totem animal find representation in the nicknames of teams, e.g., San Francisco Giant and Detroit Tigers.

"The totem feast is acted out continuously during the game by the fans, who eat tremendous quantities of popcorn, hot dogs, etc., and drink enormous volumes of pop, beer, etc.

"By the time chosen to play the game and its usual duration, the game's termination is brought into juxtaposition with a meal or snack time which often assumes the aspects of a totem feast for player and spectator alike. Thus the guilt is shared and dissipated."

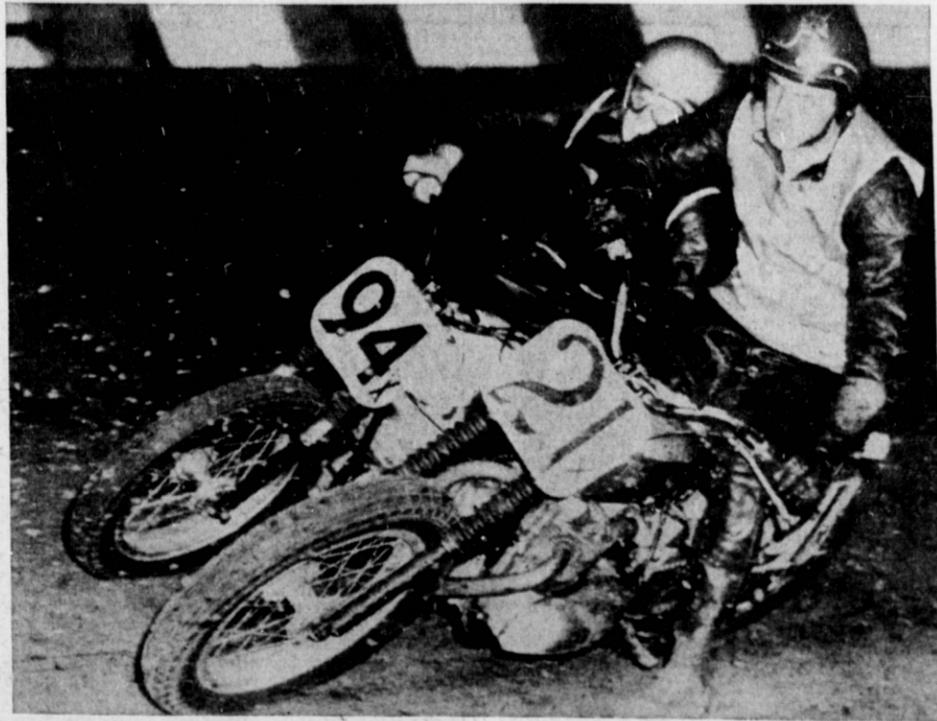
The umpire is a symbol of "The moral and religious heritage of the primal father."

Baseball is played largely to get away from the incest taboo, as I gather it, although "the previously forbidden females are represented by home plate, the diamond and, in a large sense, by the field of play."

The bases and home plate are "remindful of the four-cornered area in which the infant takes his first tentative steps."

The doc continues, "Thus the toddler's hesitant completion of his excursion, from base to base or corner to corner of the room bears a striking resemblance to the home run of the baseball player and the emotional response of teammates and fans."

The Grosse Point sage, like his mentor, Sigmund Freud, is of resourceful and wide-ranging intelligence. If you don't buy the sex bit, he explains the creation of the Nat'l Pastime in the Nineteenth Century as "a reflection of this country's reassertion of independence from Great Britain and France."



SURPRISE NEW CHAMPION . . . Bob Bailey (21-X) went back to the 10-mile National Amateur Motorcycle championships at Springfield, Ill., last weekend with only four flat track races under his belt. Inexperience failed to halt the 21-year-old ace as he surprised the experts by

bringing home the bacon. Primarily noted for his work in the steeplechase events, Bailey will return to Ascot Park in Gardena tomorrow night where he has already established a name for himself against the top amateurs.

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Parks Department Plans Three Tournaments for Youths

Three events for youths from 9 to 18 years of age have been set up within the next week by the Torrance Recreation Department.

A novice golf champion for Torrance will be determined today and tomorrow in a tournament sponsored by the Recreation Department at Sea-Aire Park.

Open to youths who participated in department-sponsored golf lessons at Torrance parks this summer, the novice tournament will pit new golfers against each other and not against experienced golfers.

THE MATCHES will begin at 2 p.m. today at the Sea-Aire course.

Members of the Sea-Aire Teen-Age Golf Club will discover their annual champion in a tournament scheduled for Aug. 29 and 30 at the Sea-Aire course.

THE TOURNAMENT will include divisions for boys 14 to 18 years, 12 to 13 years and 9 to 11 years. There will be an open division for girls. First and second place trophies will be provided for each division.

Approximately 185 entries have been received for the third annual Junior Tennis Tournament scheduled for Aug. 26-30 on the South High School Courts.

OPEN TO participants in the department-sponsored classes in tennis offered this summer,

the tournament will determine a Torrance junior champion and a Torrance novice champion in both singles and doubles events.

Appropriate trophies and awards will be provided for the winners.

THE TOURNAMENT will include separate divisions for boys and girls of 12 years and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under. Matches will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 5 p.m. each day.

Young Pro Tops Ascot Park Field

A first-year rider, 22-year-old Elliott Schultz of South Gate, will be gunning for his fourth straight main event victory tomorrow night when the American Motorcycle Assn. flat

track half-milers swing back into action at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Qualifying will begin at 7 p.m. with racing getting underway at 8:15.

Schultz has run up an amazing record of nine triumphs in his last nine starts if trophy dashes and heat wins are counted. So far, he has gained five main event victories.

RACING director J. C. Agajanian points out Schultz has startled the veterans by catapulting from sixteenth in championship point standings to fifth within the last month.

With 763 points, Schultz could pass Jack O'Brien (779) and Al Gunter (778) to move into third place tomorrow night if he continues his winning ways.

SAMMY TANNER, who lost the main event to Schultz last week and finished second, still leads the pack with 1200 points while Stu Morley has 998 for second place.

Tomorrow night's motorcycle program includes main events for experts, amateurs and novice riders plus heat races and the trophy dash for the four fastest qualifiers.

Also on hand will be Bob Bailey of Torrance, back from Springfield, Ill., where he stunned the experts with a victory in the 10-mile national amateur flat track championships.

Bob Bailey Gains Big Cycle Title

Inexperience failed to halt 21-year-old Bob Bailey of Torrance Sunday as he captured the national amateur 10-mile motorcycle championship at Springfield, Ill.

Bailey, although he has been racing cycles for five years, had only four flat track matches behind him before charging off with the flat track crown at Springfield.

Primarily noted for his efforts in the steeplechase events, Bailey currently holds down second place in the TT division at Ascot Park against some of the top amateurs in the country.

THE TORRANCE ace surprised the flat track regulars at Ascot recently and showed promise of what was to come as he moved up to 10th place on the flat after only four races.

In a way, Bailey was following the example set earlier in the year by Parnelli Jones, also of Torrance. Jones snared the Indianapolis 500 crown.

SPRINGFIELD has long been known as the cyclists' Indianapolis.

Bailey will be back at Ascot Park tomorrow night to resume his quest for local laurels, but his reputation will be bigger than ever.

Kegs Retain Stranglehold Over Foes

Out to clinch their position as the top slo-pitch team in California, the Tappa Kegs will defend their Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation tournament crown in Santa Monica this weekend.

Fresh off a repeat victory in the West Coast Tournament in Redondo Beach, the Kegs will begin play tomorrow against the top recreation teams in the area.

Last weekend, Torrance had little trouble in collecting four straight victories to once again run away with the West Coast title.

Dominating every department of the tournament, the Kegs picked up everything from the most valuable player to the man who can hit the ball the farthest.

Shortstop Gib Matthews swatted the horsehide at a .583 clip during the three-day tourney and pulled several sparkling defensive plays to earn the MVP award.

Matthews hit the over-sized ball 272 feet 10½ inches prior to the tourney to win the distance-hitting award.

Four other Kegs joined Matthews on the All-Star team. Third baseman Chuck Schoendienst, second baseman Mick Ryan, pitcher Rick Ryan and manager Chuck Ryan were honored from the Torrance club.

During the tourney, the Kegs bashed out 14 extra base hits and were superb defensively, pulling three double plays. Mick Ryan led the hitting attack by pounding out two home runs and driving in six runs.

Schoendienst was responsible for three doubles while Rick Ryan batted at a .430 clip and cinched the pitching award by allowing only one run in the championship game.

The Kegs began defense of their title with a 14-2 win over previously undefeated Chula Vista, clobbered Santa Ana, 10-4; eked out a 3-2 decision against the Gardena Comets, and finished with an 8-1 triumph against the Redondo Jaycees.

Against Gardena, the Kegs tallied one run in the second and added two more in the bottom of the fourth to overcome a two-run splurge by the Comets in the top of the fourth.

Ed James drove in one tally and Jim Reynolds forced in the winning run with a sacrifice fly to back up Chuck Ryan's hurling.

The Kegs played errorless ball and punched out seven hits.

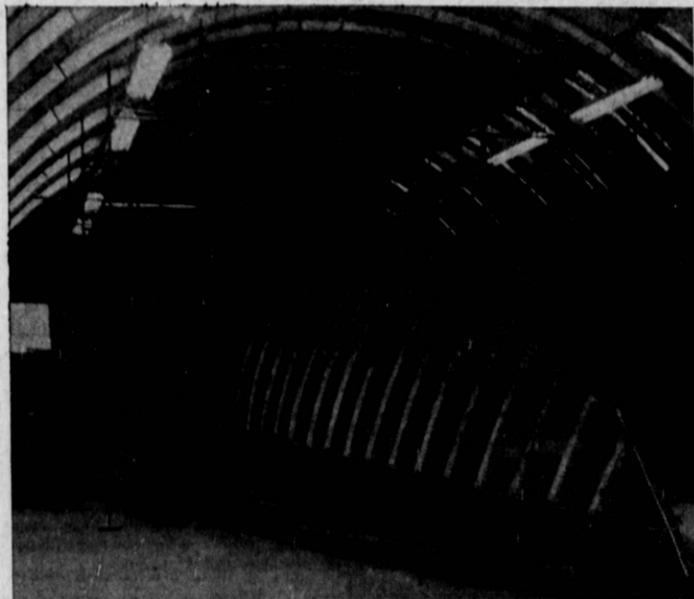
In the final, deciding tilt, Torrance scored three runs in the first frame, four in the third and one more in the fourth behind a 12-hit attack.

Redondo managed a single run in the sixth and collected only four hits off Rick Ryan.

Reynolds went 3 for 4 at the plate including one double and accounted for three runs. Chuck Williams blasted two hits in three attempts and also accounted for three runs.

Mick Ryan went 2 for 4 including one double, while last year's MVP, Ray Magnante, drove in one run, hit a double and went 2 for 4 at the dish.

In addition to his All-Star members, Keg manager Chuck Ryan singled out Magnante, Williams, Reynolds and Scotty Maxie for contributing top efforts.



NEW DESIGN . . . Yacht Dynamics of Harbor City is building this all-aluminum 73-foot auxiliary sloop, the largest in the United States, for West Coast sportsman John B. Kilroy. Ribs, deck beams, and other aluminum shapes for the offshore racing boat, named the Kiola II, are being produced by Harvey Aluminum of Torrance. The local firm was also instrumental in helping Mickey Thompson qualify two aluminum cars for the Indianapolis 500 this year.



ONE OF THE BEST . . . Five-time world water-ski champion Chuck Stearns will be one of the favorites to cop honors this weekend in the National Water-Ski Championships at Long Beach's Marine Stadium. Competition will begin today and run through Sunday. Young Billy Spencer, 14, of Sarasota, Fla., has beaten the older Stearns and is expected to walk off with the boys title in the 13 to 16-year-old division.